

CLAIMS

What I claim is:

- 5 1. An internal nasal dilator for insertion within a single nostril
comprising:

 a generally cylindrical nasal passage dilator having a tapered body
defining open top and bottom ends and an interior volume;

 a filter insertably disposed within said interior volume defined by
10 said tapered body of said nasal passage dilator.

 2. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 1, wherein said tapered
body is formed from a plurality of interconnected elongate tubular members.

15 3. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 1, wherein said tapered
body is formed from a rubber-like material.

 4. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 1, wherein said filter
comprises a hollow, conically-shaped particulate filter sized for insertion
20 within said interior volume defined by said tapered body of said nasal
passage dilator.

 5. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 1, wherein said filter
comprises a wad of cotton material.

6. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 1, wherein said filter comprises a chemical media.

7. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 6, wherein said
5 chemical media includes activated carbon.

8. An internal nasal dilator for insertion within a person's nostrils, said internal nasal dilator comprising:

a pair of generally cylindrical nasal passage dilators, each of said
10 nasal passage dilators having a tapered body defining open top and bottom ends and an interior volume;

a generally U-shaped connecting link extending between said tapered body bottom ends;

a filter insertably disposed within the interior volume defined by said
15 tapered body of each of said nasal passage dilators.

9. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 8, wherein said filter is a particulate filter.

20 10. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 8, wherein said particulate filter includes first and second stages of filtration.

11. An internal nasal dilator according to claim 10, wherein said first stage of filtration comprises a particulate filter and said second stage of filtration comprises a chemical media.